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San Diego "Attorney of the Year" Announcement At City Council Today

San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn today will announce that Deputy City Attorney Gene Gordon has been named 1999 Attorney of the Year in the Office of the City Attorney. The award is given to a Deputy City Attorney who has distinguished himself or herself through exceptional performance for the people of San Diego. Gordon received his legal education at Hastings College of Law and was admitted to the California Bar in 1968. He has served the City for over thirty years - serving as a prosecutor, an advisor to the San Diego Police Department, and as a trial attorney defending the taxpayers with excellence and dedication.

Gene Gordon joined the San Diego City Attorney's Office in January 1969. In 1971, he set up the Police Legal Advisor program and served as Police Legal Advisor for seven years. Gordon was assigned to the Litigation Division in 1978. He has over 30 civil trials to his credit, many of them with millions of dollars of liability exposure. He currently is handling a large Americans with Disabilities Act case while also juggling a full complement of personal injury cases. He is recognized throughout California as an expert on municipal tort liability. Gene represents the Office on the Legal Advocacy Committee of the League of California Cities. He is a member of the San Diego Police Department's Use of Force Committee and also works closely with the Canine Unit offering training and advice to contain the City's liability exposure in this area.

Gene Gordon will be recognized at 2 p.m. on Monday at the City Council meeting at 202 C Street. He will receive a cash bonus and discretionary leave time as small tokens of his incredible service to the people of San Diego.